

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: ...the debate and thought maybe that was the way to handle it.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. Thank you, Senator Wesely. And this was not my intention to push something by this body. And, if it's the will of this body to have a public hearing on it, I'd certainly be willing to go along with it. However, I don't want to see the issue buried. I want to request a public hearing, and we could go from there. And, Senator Crosby, Senator Crosby, okay, in this resolution we say that...count them as residents of the communities in which their parents reside, or allow them to declare their residence. So, I think we've taken care of that. Senator Warner brought up the issue about what do we do with people in institutions, this resolution doesn't address that. But, if we think that is important, well we could certainly add an amendment on it in committee. But I just thought that this was a big enough problem that I wanted to bring it to the body and at least discuss it. I had several constituents that called me and they said, well how come college students are counted in the city where they go to college, when really they're residents here? In fact, I had a parent call me and said, I used my son as a dependent on my income tax, and still he isn't counted in the county that I live in, or the community that I live in. And I said, well, I believe that's wrong, and I said, maybe we should start trying to do something about it. And so this is one of the reasons why I introduced this resolution to bring the problem to the whole body. I feel that we need to try to help the rural areas. And some of the programs that the state administers, or the federal government administers is based on population. And, of course, if our students are counted in the city where they go to college, it just means that we'll receive a little bit less. And I think this is unfair. And, so at this time I would certainly be agreeable to refer it to a committee, not to bury it, but to have a public hearing and go from there. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Now I'll recognize Senator Baack, followed by Senators Cudaback and Bernard-Stevens. Senator Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Madam President and colleagues. I rise also in support of this motion to refer it to committee. I